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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRIALS AND AMNESTIES

1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD OF JANUARY 4 ANNOUNCED THAT THE PMAC HAS GIVEN AMNESTY OR REDUCED THE SENTENCES OF 922 PRISONERS SERVING JAIL TERMS IN ETHIOPIA FOR CRIMES COMMITTED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY OF 1974. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID DECISION BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF WARDENS AND PRISON ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITIES WHO HAD SCREENED PRISONERS. ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN PRISONERS WERE AMNESTIED AND 806 GOT REDUCTION OF PRISON TERMS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR.

2. ETHIOPIAN HERALD LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER ANNOUNCED THAT SPECIAL COURT MARTIAL HAD FOUND LT. COL. ADELA KITAW GUILTY OF ATTEMPTING TO INCITE OTHERS AGAINST MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND ETHIOPIAN POPULAR MOVEMENT. HE RECEIVED TWO YEARS PROBATION AND HIS ONE-YEAR JAIL SENTENCE WAS SUSPENDED BECAUSE OF HIS LENGTHY SERVICE AND GOOD BEHAVIOR IN PAST. SAME COURT MARTIAL ACQUITTED ATO

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TESFAYE BELAYNEH, PRESIDENT OF LAZARADIS COMPANY WORKERS' UNION,

OF CHARGES OF INCITING UNION MEMBERS TO STRIKE. ATO TESFAYE WAS
ACQUITTED AND RELEASED FROM CUSTODY BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT
EVIDENCE.
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